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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

1. AS WE CONTINUE SEEK ANTICIPATE QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT BE PUT TO US RE CONCORDE, WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) IS DEPT. ABLE UPDATE STATE 300002 RE POSSIBILITY OF SIX MONTH BAN ON CONCORDE VOTED BY HOUSE BEING UPHELD BY SENATE? IF SENATE VOTES SIMILAR BAN, WHEN MIGHT LEGISLATION BE SIGNED AND BAN THUS TAKE EFFECT?

B) WHAT IS EXTENT OF SONIC BOOM PROBLEM THAT WILL BE CAUSED BY SPACE SHUTTLE OVER TERRITORY OF CONTINENTAL US PRIOR TO LANDING AT PRIMARY OR ALTERNATIVE TOUCHDOWN POINT(S)? WOULD SPACE SHUTTLE BE CONSIDERED "CIVIL AIRCRAFT" WITHIN MEANING BAN ON SUPERSONIC OVERFLIGHT OF CONTINENTAL US OR WOULD IT SOMEHOW BE EXEMPTED, E.G., AS "STATE" AIRCRAFT?

C) TO WHAT EXTENT HAVE PAST SPACE SHOTS (CIVIL AND MILITARY) BY US AND OTHER POWERS CONTRIBUTED TO POLLUTION OF STRATOSPHERE AND TO ALTERATION OF OZONE LAYER AND WHAT IS EXPECTED IMPACT OF SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM IN THAT REGARD?

D) AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, PRESIDENT GISCARD
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HAS ANNOUNCED INTENTION FLY TO US IN CONCORDE FOR

STATE VISIT NEXT MAY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER GISCARD
HAS IN MIND SPECIAL FLIGHT OR WOULD ENVISAGE TRAV
WITH HIS PARTY ON SCHEDULED AIR FRANCE SERVICE TO
DULLES IN EXPECTATION IT WOULD BE OPERATING AT THAT
TIME. LATTER WOULD BE POSSIBLE UNDER HOUSE BAN, IF
CONFIRMED BY SENATE AND PRESIDENT, SINCE BAN DOES NOT
APPLY TO DULLES. HOWEVER, NEGATIVE DECISION BY
SECRETARY COLEMAN ON AMENDMENT CARRIER OP SPECS WOULD
RULE OUT SCHEDULED SERVICE TO DULLES. WE ASSUME THAT
SPECIAL FLIGHT TO DULLES COULD STILL BE AUTHORIZED.
PLEASE CONFIRM CORRECTNESS THAT ASSUMPTION AND
INDICATE WHAT THE SPECIFIC PROCEDURE FOR FILING
AND APPROVAL OF SUCH FLIGHT WOULD BE.
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